

High Lodge GB UK Championships & FITASC Sporting GB Selection Shoot **June 27 & 28 2009 Technical Report**

Technical

High Lodge Premier Plus Shooting Ground was the venue for the for the 2009 UK FITASC Sporting Championships and also the 3rd FITASC Sporting GB Team selection for 2009. 107 competitors took part; there was one withdrawal and 4 'No Shows'.

The ground owner is John Bidwell the course designer was Mr Donnie Cutts assisted by Michael Hermitage; administration provided by John's daughter Jane.

The competition ran over 6 layouts, Lakeside, Autosporter, Blaser, (day one) Ely, Hull and Gamebore (day 2). With six layouts provided there was no requirement to make changes after the first days competition.

The Lakeside layout proved to be the more demanding layout for day ones competition with Gamebore the more testing on day two.

Worthy of note is an exceptional score of 24 on the Gamebore layout posted by Matt Hance, an exceptional achievement on the most demanding day 2 layout.

It was noticeable that a considerable amount of effort had been expended in the preparation of the shooting areas also the club facilities were well prepared and well staffed.

Target presentation and target colour selection was good however, in all the years that I have travelled to competition at High Lodge I would argue that the competition targets were the best FITASC targets I have seen at High Lodge.

The weather for the event was exceptionally good with no wind to speak of and no rain.

There were only minor failures of equipment all promptly dealt with; as a result day one finished half an hour late, day two completed only ten-min late.

Hugh Smith assessed the targets on Friday the 26 June, all targets where of a high standard, they were visible with varying speeds, distance, colours and angles, it was necessary only to make minor changes during the inspection. All six layouts were a credit to the course designer Mr Donnie Cutts.

The facilities at High Lodge easily meet the standard required of a Premier Plus ground.

The scores were computed and maintained in a timely manner by Jane, (John Bidwells daughter). There are still a number of problems with the CPSA programme (mainly caused by corrupt data entry) that caused additional and unnecessary workloads on Jane and her team; their efforts are worth a special mention. There was little or no delay in displaying the results, score cards from the remote shooting positions were returned efficiently. At the end of the event the presentation was delayed whilst four (3) competitors competed in an exciting shoot off 2 for High Overall Gun and 2 for third place in Veterans. The presentations were completed 16:30.

Competition

The first day's results returned high scores, leading the field was Mark Marshall 71 ex 75 Martin Myers 68, Nigel Hart and Stewart Rudling 67.

Pet Easton led the Ladies on 58 with Sarah Hamburger 56 and Cheryl Hall 55.

Lead Junior 68 was Harry Seal with L Barnes 64 and David Bolton 59.

Veterans John Bidwell 68, Brian Dunbavin 68 and Dave Asher and Dennis Web on 66.

Super Vets had Allen Coy and Roger Ward 57 Paddy Howe 56.

Day two started in good weather conditions and slightly overcast..

The 135 + 19 score of the event winner Frank Hasekamp against Martin Myers 135 + 17 after an exciting shoot off was an excellent result for a competition that went to the wire on day two .

Final placings were:

Seniors: F Hasekamp 135 + 19. M Myers 135 + 17. M Marshall 134.

Ladies: C Hall 111. P Easton 112. S Hamburger 108.

Juniors: H Seal 129. L Barnes 121. D Bolton 118.

Vets: D Asher 129. J Dyson 128. B Dunbavin 127 + 21

S/Vets: P Howe 121. R Ward 120. A Coy 116.

Class Places:

A: M Myers 135, M Marshall 134, SRudling 133

B: H Seal 129, N Hart 129, B Dunbavin 127, D Webb 127

C: G Marshall 113, P Easton 112, T Mingo 110

D: B Tatnall 118, JR Callenbach 112, N Woodward 108.

There was a very good atmosphere throughout the whole of the event both days. Nick Woodward ran yet another successful fund raising raffle netting over £300.

Report by Hugh Smith.